

## Angie Lake

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Sorry - I meant to finish off my statement by saying: As legislators this is much work to be done with the Dog Law of 1919, Act 339, MCL 287.270 (sec. 10)

in particular - as to who is actually in charge of issuing Kennel Licenses, how large the kennels can be, the yearly charge and should they be inspected every year or only just prior to application for a New Kennel. The amendment to this section presents problems.

On Jun 4, 2013, at 8:04 PM, dorothea knight wrote:

I can't agree and approve when there are so many exceptions to the rules. A few, if you're lucky with convictions rather than plea-bargaining, will have to sign the registry and make an annual payment of \$250.00, while others, such as the St. Clair County Licensed Dog Breeding Kennels – some with as many as 60 dogs, and should be licensed by the USDA, and are not – are not required to provide exercise - (per Penal Code 750-50, Sec 50, #2 “The owner, possessor, or person having the charge or custody of an animal shall not do any of the following: (a) fail to provide an animal with adequate care” - which includes exercise. A kennel operator stands at a BOC meeting saying that she doesn't have to worry about outside runs – her dogs (60 on inspection day) never get out of their stacked cages. Speaking of abuse and neglect, St. Clair County licenses and approves of debarking dogs and keeping them in a dark enclosure in order to keep them quiet. According to the Dog Law of 1919, Act 339, MCL 287.270 (sec. 10), the County Treasurer is mandated to supervise Kennel Licensing; St. Clair County, Animal Control - the enforcer of animal abuse and cruelty to animals, conducts inspections as well as licensing of these kennel operations. Sorry, hundreds of animals are suffering, while you hoping to convict a few. You legislatures have a to do relative to the breeding situations throughout the state of Michigan.

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